



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SITE VISIT

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OROVILLE FACILITIES RELICENSING (FERC PROJECT NO. 2100)

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS AND SITE VISIT

The Oroville Facilities relicensing process is a public process authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). A Collaborative Team comprised of State and Federal agencies, Indian Tribes, local government officials, and interested members of the public have actively worked with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to identify issues, develop study plans, and consider potential protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures associated with the proposed relicensing of the Oroville Facilities.

A result of the Collaborative Team's effort is the preparation of draft NEPA Scoping Document 1 and CEQA Notice of Preparation (SD1). The intent of SD1 is to address Scoping requirements outlined in FERC regulations for relicensing and implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State agency environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), present information about the Oroville Facilities, and describe how interested members of the public can participate. SD1 was released for a 60-day public comment period on September 27, 2001.

SCOPING MEETINGS

Public Scoping meetings provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to comment on information in SD1. During the Scoping meeting DWR will provide an overview of the multi-year relicensing process and resource issues identified to date and how interested members of the public can remain informed about relicensing activities.

SITE VISIT

DWR invites interested members of the public to visit the Oroville Facilities to obtain first-hand information about project operations. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit should contact DWR at 1-866-820-8198 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2001. **Due to heightened security at the Oroville Facilities, only members of the public who have provided an RSVP to DWR will be allowed to participate in the site visit.**

Oroville Facilities Site Visit

Monday, October 29, 2001
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Lake Oroville Visitors Center
917 Kelly Ridge Road
Oroville, CA

RSVP Required

Scoping Meeting #1

Monday, October 29, 2001
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
The State Theater
1498 Myers Street
Oroville, CA

Scoping Meeting #2

Tuesday, October 30, 2001
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Secretary of State Building
Auditorium
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To obtain a copy of draft SD1 please contact DWR at 1-866-820-8198, or by e-mail at oroville2100@water.ca.gov.

You can also view SD1 at the Butte County and City of Oroville planning departments and at the City of Oroville Public Library.

The deadline for submitting written comments on SD1 to DWR is 5:00 p.m. November 26, 2001.